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1. On 21 November 1950 there was a conference with Prof. Rompe at Physikalisches Institut of Humboldt University. Other participants have not yet been identified. Reorganization of the Wissenschaftliche Hauptleitung (WHL) at Zeiss was discussed.
2. WHL will be composed of the following persons who will take charge of the activities outlined below:

Dr. Köhler - calculations in telescopic and related subjects
 Dr. Zöllner - photography
 Dr. Lucas - measuring devices in the microscopic and medicinal fields
 Prof. Schuster - physical and chemical methods and general guidance.

3. Herr Bischoff and his construction bureau will be an independent body. Under him will be four groups:

Scientific methods
 Mathematics
 Construction of apparatus
 Preparatory work

4. The microlaboratory will be reorganized. Gause will take over completely, and Trapp will work in the background.
5. Geheimrat Harting will remain only a figurehead.

6. Harting had violently protested against the reorganization. It is believed that it will be undertaken anyhow but Harting will remain in actual charge with the four men becoming his "advisors".

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7. The plans for reorganization of VVB (Z) Optik will also be modified. While the original plan provided for Zeiss to disappear completely into the new organization, it seems now that Zeiss and Schott will remain as a special optical complex. Zeiss personnel will man the new VVB organization, which will probably be located at Jena. A reason given was that Zeiss succeeded in convincing DDR authorities that little harm would come from Zeiss knowing what the others did but that it was not desirable for too many outsiders to be able to look into Zeiss' activities.

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Increase its personnel to 25,000 men within the next few years.

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